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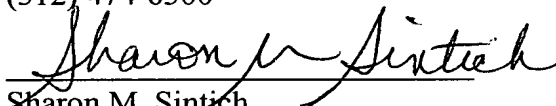
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The Group II methods detect the polynucleotides encoding IL-1Hy2 polypeptides of Group I (claim 1). If the polynucleotides of Group I (product claims) are found novel and non-obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Applicants may be entitled to rejoinder of claims to methods of using that product. *See* 1184 OG 86, (1996). The Applicants hereby request that, if the product claims of Group I are allowed, the Patent Office rejoin the method claims of Group II. To facilitate efficient examination, the Applicants request that the claims of Groups I and II be examined simultaneously. The small number of claims in Group II (3 claims) and their relatedness to Group I suggest that there will be no serious burden involved. Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement, in respect to Groups I and II, be withdrawn and these groups be examined simultaneously.

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